

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

November 13, 2018

Dear Colleague:

We write today to share our support for Steny Hoyer to serve as Majority Leader in the 116th Congress. In the majority, we will have considerable opportunity to effect change and great responsibility to get things done on behalf of our constituents. We will need a steady, experienced leader over the next two years, who also works to empower our Members and prepare them for future leadership opportunities. We will need someone who will hold President Trump, his Administration, and Congressional Republicans accountable – while still being able to work effectively in a divided government to get legislation passed. It is for these reasons that we believe that Steny is the person we need as Majority Leader.

Steny was out on the trail tirelessly campaigning this cycle, doing the hard work necessary to take back the House. He traveled to districts in every part of the country, campaigning with progressive and moderate Democratic candidates alike. He's been there for us: traveling for us, raising money for us, and he's often one of the first people to reach out and offer his support. He has been a mentor to many of us.


We believe it is critical for our leaders to promote Members across our Caucus and give them real opportunities to lead. Steny has done this, and will continue to do so. Half of his Whip team is composed of Members who have served for three terms or less. He was a strong supporter of efforts in 2016 to expand the leadership team, and he is committed to making changes that empower Members further, including by strengthening the Committee process. He also brings Members into the room when negotiations are taking place, so that more of us are included in the decisions that are being made. He is an honest broker, and is trusted by everyone in our Caucus.

Steny also has a clear vision for the agenda House Democrats should pursue. In September, he delivered a speech committing to bringing a government reform package to the Floor at the beginning of the new Congress. Since 2010, he has developed and pursued the Make It In America plan, giving House Democrats an economic platform to discuss with our constituents at home. It is a plan encapsulated by our "For the People" agenda.

Importantly, Steny will effectively go toe-to-toe with President Trump, advocating for our positions and ensuring vigorous oversight of this Administration.

Steny is an innovative leader with unwavering integrity who empowers Members and gets things done. We believe that under his leadership, we will be well-positioned for further success in 2020.

Sincerely,


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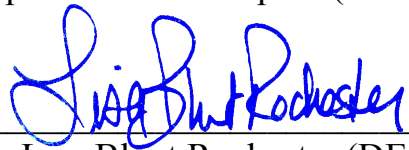

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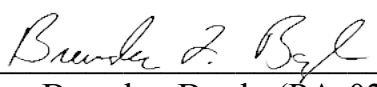

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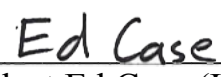

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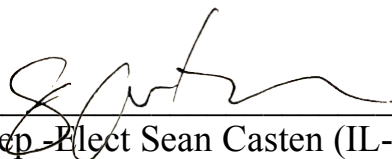

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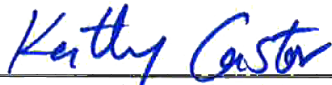

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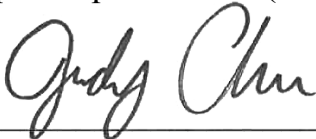

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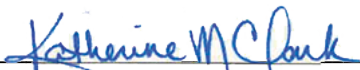

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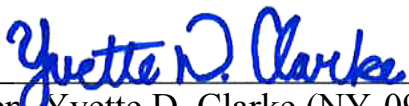

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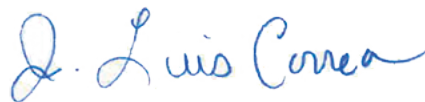

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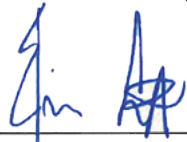

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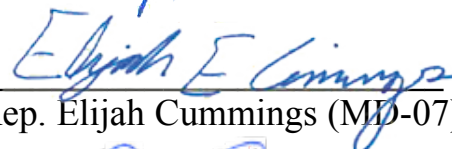

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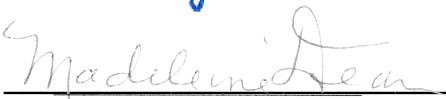

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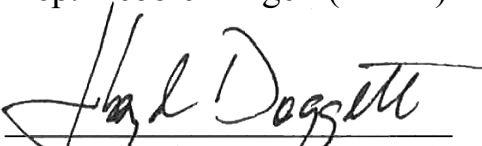

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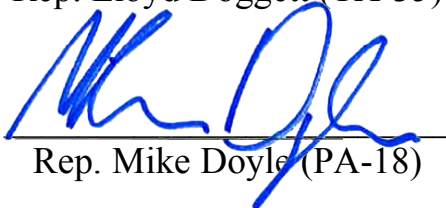

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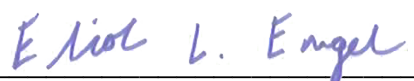

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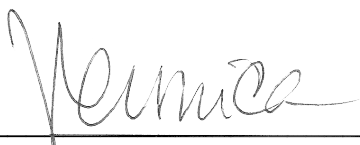

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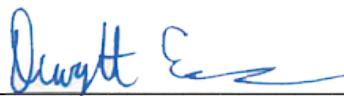

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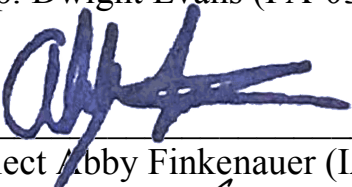

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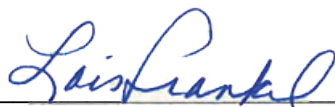

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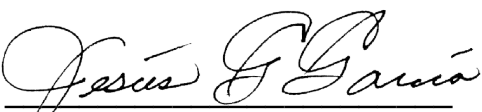

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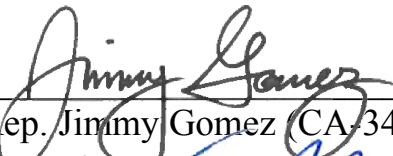

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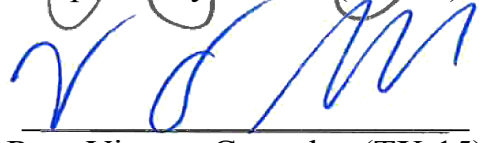

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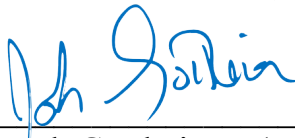

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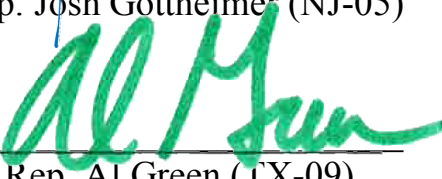

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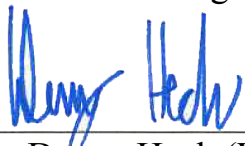

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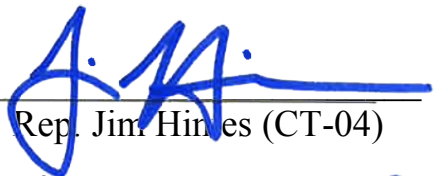

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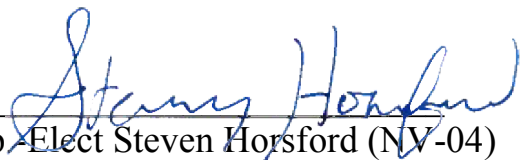

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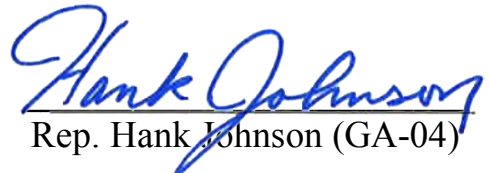

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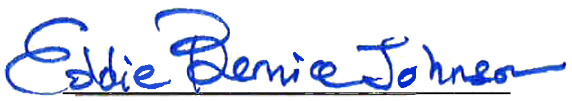

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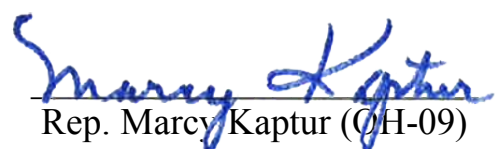

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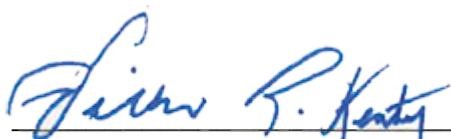

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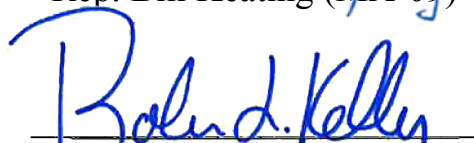

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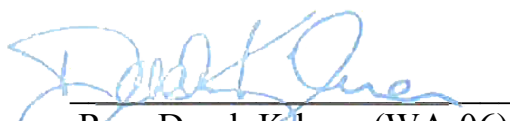

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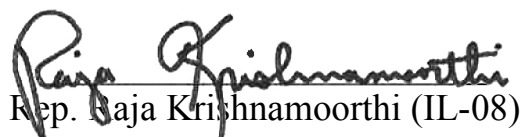

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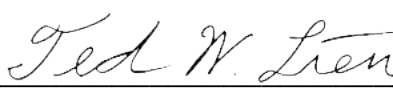

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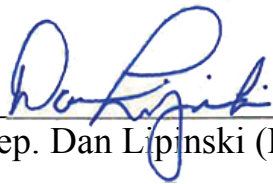

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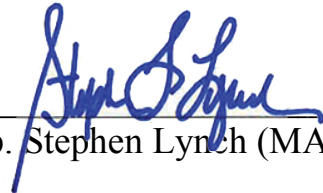
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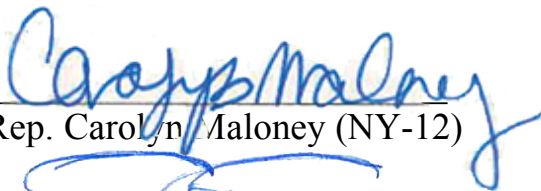
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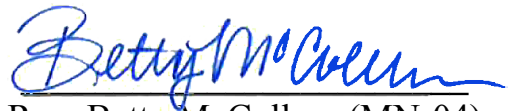
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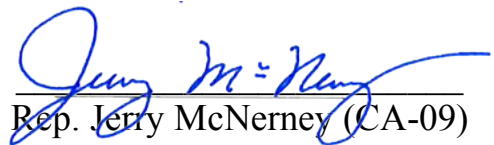
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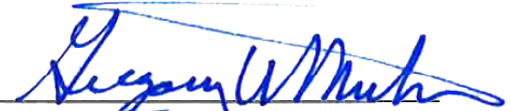
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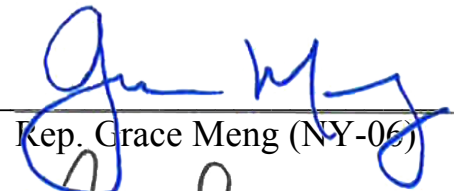
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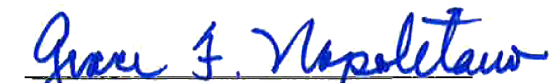
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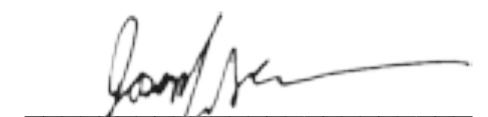

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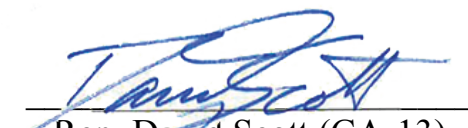

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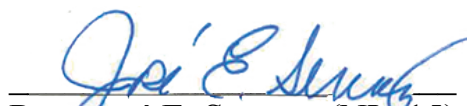
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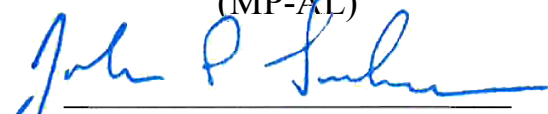
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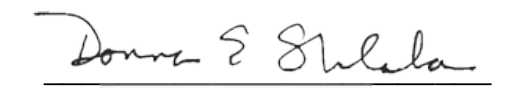
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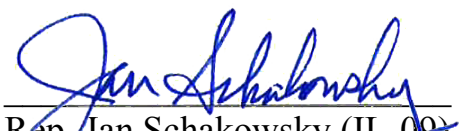
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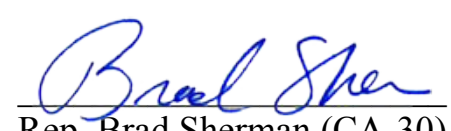
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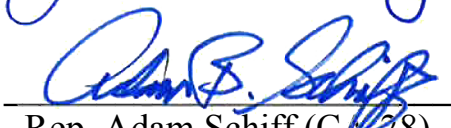
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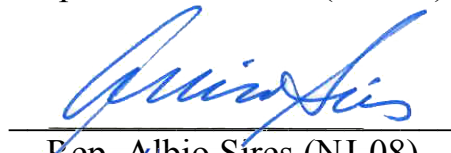
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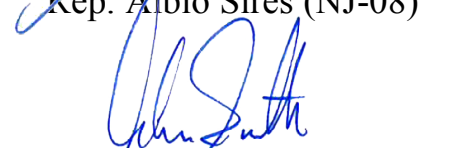
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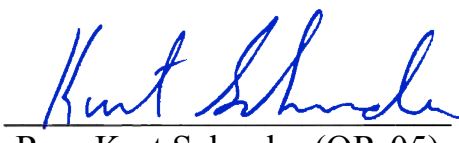
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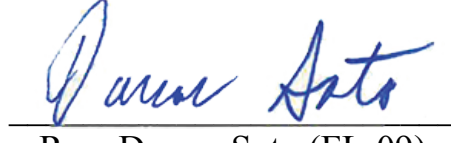
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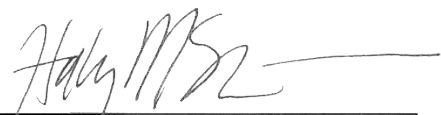
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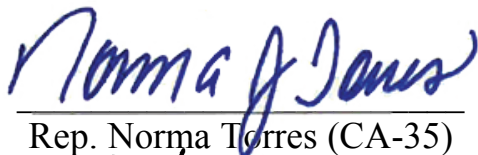
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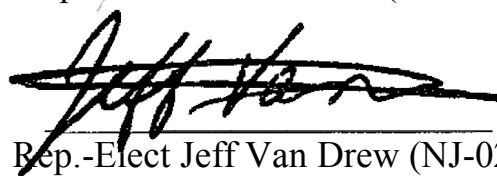
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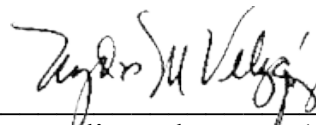
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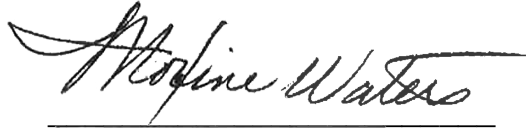
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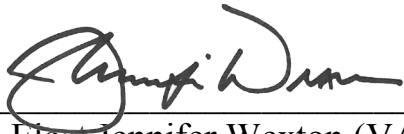
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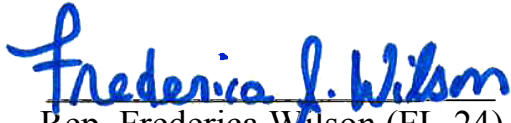
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